

Citizen's Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
April 2, 2015

Committee Members Present: Wendell Williams, Bonnie Chu, Lavonne Lewis, Vida Lin, Laura Martin, Taurus Duncan (by phone)

Committee Members Absent: Nancy Brune, Esther Langston, Patrick Smith

Clark County Staff Present: Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares, Randy Reinoso, Jasmine Cook

I. Call to Order

- By Wendell Williams at 11:50 a.m.

II. Introduction of All Members

III. Public Comment

- None.

IV. Approval of February 5, 2015 Meeting Summary

- Approved.

V. Nominate and Vote – Chair and Vice Chair

- Election for Chair: Wendell Williams nominated, seconded, no further nominations; vote called, elected unanimously.
- Election for Vice Chair: Lavonne Lewis nominated, seconded, no further nominations; vote called, elected unanimously.
- It was mentioned to hold a special meeting in the month of January, as the committee does not meet that month, to hold elections for the next cycle, which ends in December of the same year.

VI. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff

- None

VII. Working Groups Update

- Until we can get more members, we will remove this item.

VIII. Department Update

- Bobby Gordon –Social Service Manager Randy Reinoso joins us to speak about programs, program expansions and grant opportunities that we have with community partners.
- Randy Reinoso –
 - STEP UP - Deals with foster youth that are transitioning out of foster care. The goal is to help these young adults become self-sufficient by providing them with a variety of different benefits with contingencies that are in place considering the challenges and barriers that these young adults may face.
 - CCSS will be taking over the DFS portion of this program. CCSS currently employs two workers and have 60 young adults clients who receive ongoing case management. CCSS will be taking over the DFS program that is similar to this one and increase the program to 6-8 employees and over 300 young adult clients.

- Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) – In collaboration with WestCare and Metro this program is designed to address the mental health issues of constituents who are frequent users of Metro's services and who are the subjects of the many calls Metro receives related to domestic disturbances.
- Health Link – In collaboration with UMC and Help of Southern Nevada, this program works with chronically homeless individuals who are medically fragile. The program gets these individuals in stable housing and provides them the services they need, as opposed to discharging them to a shelter or the street.
- Project Secure Grant – This grant application was recently submitted. It is a transitional housing assistance grant for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. It combines short term housing with some other critical support services. CCSS is not the expert in this field, therefore, Shade Tree and the Rape Crisis Center have been brought into the discussion. If CCSS is awarded the grant, these two non-profits will provide the services and CCSS will serve as the fiscal agent.

IX. Membership:

- Wendell – How are we with attaining the number of members we need?

Bobby – At the December meeting, the CAC discussed adding six new members. It also discussed wanting to reach a total of 15 members. Committee members were asked to provide recommendations of citizens who are interested in serving on the CAC. Also, Tim sent an email to the County Commissioners requesting they submit recommendations as well. To date, CCSS has not received any updates from Tim or the Commissioners.

- A request was made to have copies of the questionnaire sent to members so that they can expedite the completion and submission.

X. Public Comment:

- None.

XI. Adjournment: 12:53pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV.

Submitted by: J Cook